

PALACIOS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743 June 12, 2008 Received & Inspected

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 and CC Docket No. 02-6, Request for Waiver.

Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am writing on behalf of the Palacios Independent School District in Palacios, Texas to request a waiver of deadline for our Form 471 filing and ask that we be moved back into the filing window period. We erred in our process and found that we filed 1 day beyond the filing window.

Our pertinent information is as follows:

Company Name: Palacios Independent School District

Billed Entity Number: 141291

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 637233

Contact Information:

Address: 1209 12th Street

Palacios, Texas 77465

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Contact Person: Robert Fiorini

Title Technology Coordinator
E-Mail Address: Bobf@palaciosisd.org

Our FCC Form 471 filing is for Telecommunication and Internet Access services only and we have filed for these reimbursements in each of the past program years. This year we had inadvertently put the wrong date on our calendar for filing the form 471 and thought we had until February 15, 2008. It was clearly our mistake and when brought to our attention, we immediately submitted our filing which was in a prepared state but had not been submitted. Unfortunately, we found ourselves 1 day beyond the filing window.

A loss of this funding for our small and rural school district will put a financial strain on us. While we recognize that financial hardship may not be criteria for granting a waiver, we nevertheless request that you give careful consideration to moving our application back into the filing window period.

Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Robert Fiorini

Technology Coordinator
Palacios Independent School District

Palacios, Texas

Enclosure: USAC Letter Dated May 7, 2008



FUNDING YEAR 2008 FORM 471 POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW

May 7, 2008

Robert Fiorini PALACIOS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT 1209 12TH ST PALACIOS, TX 77465-3741

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: Y11-PISD Form 471 Application Number: 637233

Dear Robert Fiorini:

We're sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 02/08/2008, which is AFTER the Funding Year 2008-2009 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 7, 2008.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the USAC website at www.usac.org/sl once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of pending applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for future Funding Years, please visit our website or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

- 1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
- 2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:

Appellant name, Applicant or service provider name,BEN,

- Application number 637233 as assigned by USAC,
 "Funding Year 2008 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter," AND
- The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
- 3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

- 4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
- 5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email to appeals@sl.universalservice.org. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to us by fax, fax your appeal to (973)599-6542.

To submit your appeal to us on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit 100 South Jefferson Road P.O. Box 902 Whippany, NJ 07981

You have the option of filing an appeal with USAC or with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted on our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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